

Soldier Hollow Honored

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At its annual conference in St. George, the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA) presented the Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation with two awards.

URPA recognized Soldier Hollow Lodge at Wasatch Mountain State Park as Innovation of the Year and the Utah Personal Watercraft (PWC) Education Program as Outstanding Program of the Year.

The URPA Innovation of the Year award was presented to a team of state employees from Utah State Parks and the Division of Facilities Construction and management (DFCM) for development and construction of the Soldier Hollow Lodge.

Utah State Parks Director Courtland Nelson and

Facilities and Construction Manager, Gary Thorson, joined DFCM Director Richard Byfield, and Building Program Director Lynn Hinrichs, in receiving this award.

The Soldier Hollow Lodge is located at Wasatch Mountain State Park, host of the biathlon, cross-country, and Nordic combined events of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

The new facility serves a wide and diverse population of Utahns, with special programs for school students, while serving as a world-class venue for athletes from around the world. Construction of the Lodge, which began only last July and was completed December 15, was made possible by cooperative efforts of state and local agencies, and private companies.

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If the Lady Wasps keep playing the way they are playing right now, there is no question that they will be in the state playoffs Friday, May 4.

The question is, who will they be playing? No one knows, but for right now, they are concentrating on winning the rest of their games.

Friday's Union vs. Wasatch game was cancelled, and has been re-scheduled, but Tuesday's game against Lehi was a big win for the Lady Wasps.

Wasatch starting pitcher Rachel Remund did a great job on the mound, giving up one run on four hits to the Lady Pioneers.

Lehi's pitcher on the other-hand struggled on the mound. She gave up two runs on seven hits to the Lady Wasps, and

both teams saw plenty of errors. Errors come and go, but the wins and losses don't.

When a team wins, it is the best feeling in the world. If they lose, then they just have to bounce back.

Wasatch did this against Lehi.

After falling to Union April 3, the Wasps battled back to defeat Park City, then took a week off because of spring break.

The week off must have worked, because the Lady Wasps are on a hot streak.

The Wasps managed to tie the game at one in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Going into the seventh inning, the Wasps saw a great hit by Liz Turner. She was then brought home on an Erin Neiderhauser single.

The single won the game for Wasatch and gave them a complete sweep of the Lady

76% of Utahns plan to skip Games

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Seventy-six percent of Utahns don't plan to attend 2002 Winter Games events in any way, shape or form, a new Deseret News/KSL-TV poll indicates,

and of the 22 percent who do, nearly half will do so as volunteers.

And how good a job did the Salt Lake Organizing Committee do in giving Utahns a shot

at obtaining Olympic tickets? Not all that well, according to 46 percent of Utahns, accord-

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POLL

Do you plan to attend the 2002 Olympics as either a spectator or a volunteer?

YES, AS SPECTATOR	12%
YES, AS VOLUNTEER	6%
YES, AS SPECTATOR/VOLUNTEER	4%
NO, DON'T PLAN TO ATTEND	76%
DON'T KNOW	2%

A poll of 607 Utah residents was conducted April 9-11, 2001, by Dan Jones & Associates. It has a margin of error of +/-4.0 percent.

Have Olympic organizers adequately planned to allow Utahns to obtain tickets to events?

DEFINITELY HAVE	15%
PROBABLY HAVE	22%
PROBABLY HAVE NOT	19%
DEFINITELY HAVE NOT	27%
DON'T KNOW	17%

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ing to the survey conducted by Dan Jones and Associates — though the SLOC begs to dif-

fer.

The statewide poll, conducted April 9-11, questioned 607 adults and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent.

Residents also were asked which Olympic events they are most likely to watch, either in person or on TV. Most popular is figure skating (83 percent), followed by luge and/or bobsled racing (77 percent), the opening ceremonies (73 percent), the closing ceremonies and speedskating (71 percent each), downhill skiing (70 percent), freestyle skiing (64 percent) and hockey

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three Puerto Rican senators, were arrested after breaking through a fence on the edge of the military zone.

On Saturday night, protesters clapped and marched Saturday just outside the fence. "It's not easy, but we know that we are in the right," said demonstrator Haydee Colon, 49. "In the end, we will prevail."

In all, 81 protesters were detained Saturday in or near the firing range on the island's eastern tip. More than two dozen people were still on the range, not far from where shells were falling, protest leader Robert Rabin said.

"Our people need and want to live in peace," said Carlos Ventura, a 39-year-old island fisherman who has been protesting against the Navy since his adolescence.

Among those captured on the firing range was pro-statehood Sen. Norma Burgos, the Navy said.



U.S. Navy personnel handcuff a demonstrator for trespassing into a restricted area in Vieques, Puerto Rico. Bombing exercises were delayed.

the chief of the boat; and Petty Officer Edward McGibboney, the sonar supervisor.

Cortese held a nonjudicial captain's mast for Petty Officer Patrick Seacrest, the fire control technician who failed to report that another vessel was within 4,000 yards of the Greenville moments before it surfaced. He was admonished and counseled about his duties.

Earlier this week, Adm. Thomas Fargo, the Pacific Fleet commander, gave Cmdr. Scott Waddle, the submarine skipper, a letter of reprimand, which will end Waddle's career. He will retire by Oct. 1.

Lt. j.g. Michael Coen, the officer of the deck, also appeared at an admiral's mast and was counseled about his obligation to maintain safe navigation and proper supervision.

Nine men and boys were killed when the Greenville rammed and sank the fishing training vessel Ehime Maru in waters off Hawaii.

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(57 percent). Only 28 percent said they plan to watch curling.

Of those planning to attend the Games, 12 percent said they would attend events only as spectators. Six percent said they would go only as volunteers, and 4 percent said they would attend as both spectators and volunteers.

Caroline Shaw, SLOC's chief communications officer, said many of the large majority who don't plan to attend may not realize tickets are still available.

Seventeen percent of Olympic tickets remain unsold, she said, including some of the least expensive — \$20 tickets for short-track speed skating at the Delta Center (the women's final is still available) and \$25 for cross-country skiing at Soldier Hollow.

Figure skating is the only sports event that is entirely sold out, Shaw said. Good tickets remain to some of the more popular events, including downhill skiing, bobsled, ski jumping and the early rounds of the men's and women's hockey tournaments.

Shaw said she disagrees with the 46 percent who feel SLOC did not adequately plan to allow Utahns to buy tickets. Twenty percent of the tickets were spe-

cifically targeted for Utahns — and so far the state's residents have managed to purchase 40 percent of the tickets.

"We were the first organizing committee to request from the IOC and get approval to reserve a certain number of tickets (for in-state residents), and it's now double that number," Shaw said.

"I believe that Utahns were more aware of our ticket process and sales and so forth given that the media paid such close attention to ticket opportunities, every time they became available, more than than, say, on a national level."

About 200,000 tickets are available online now at www.saltlake2002.com. Other tickets are being reserved for an Internet auction coming up in a few weeks. Additional tickets will be made available on June 5 and at that time purchasers will be able to call SLOC's ticket office and order directly over the phone.

"If Utahns still would like tickets, it's not too late," Shaw stressed.

Shaw said the number of Utahns volunteering to help has been overwhelming. SLOC needs only 26,000 volunteers, she said, but 60,000 have applied and 71 percent of them are from Utah.

Many would-be volunteers will be turned away, but SLOC also needs about 5,000 paid workers — mostly food service and night watchman-type positions — who will make about \$10 an hour during the 17 days of the Games. SLOC is now accepting applications for those positions.

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